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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, VQ, US
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): VIRGIN ISLANDS VISITING MISSION
REPORT

1. AFTER MANY CHANGES AND POSTPONEMENTS, WE LEARNED
THAT THE REPORT OF THE UN VISITING MISSION TO
THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (HEREAFTER REPORT) (A/AC.109/L.1198 -
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT - SCHIELE IO/UNP AND AIRMAILED TO
GOVERNOR KING'S OFFICE) WILL BE INTRODUCED ON TUESDAY, SEP-
TEMBER 13 IN THE MORNING (ALONG WITH THE CAYMAN ISLANDS VISI-
TING MISSION REPORT). IT WILL BE ADOPTED AT A LATER MEETING
(POSSIBLY SEPTEMBER 14 OR 15).

2. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY, MISOFF INFORMED GOVERNOR KING'S
ASSISTANT DE ZELA BY TELEPHONE OF THE DETAILS OF THE ANTICIPATED
SCENARIO AND OUR HOPE THAT GOVERNOR KING WOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE
COMMITTEE.

3. AN ANALYSIS OF THE REPORT SHOWS THAT MOST -- BUT NOT ALL --
OF OUR SUGGESTED CHANGES WERE INCORPORATED. IN PARTICULAR,
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THE EGREGIOUS DISTORTIONS OF GOVERNOR KING'S STATEMENTS
HAVE ALL BEEN CORRECTED. THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLU-
SIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED FROM THE VERSION PREVIOUSLY DATA-
FAXED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED HAS
NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. TWO POSSIBILITIES EXIST: A CONSEN-

SUS DECISION (OR STATEMENT) OR A RESOLUTION. IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID A TROUBLESOME RESOLUTION ON THE VI AT THE 32ND GA, WE ARE SEEKING THE LEAST FORMAL AND LEAST CATEGORICAL FORM OF APPROVAL; THATIS, A CONSENSUS RATHER THAN A RESOLUTION (WHICH SUFFERS FROM ITS VULNERABILITY TO HOSTILE AMDMENT) AND "TAKING NOTE" OF THE OBSERVATIONS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RATHER THAN SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING THEM. WE HAVE PREPARED A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND TWO DRAFT CONSENSU WHICH E WILL DATAFAX TO THE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 9.

5. THE USUALLY COMPLICATED POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE HEIGHTENED ON THE QUESTION OF MODE OF ADOPTION BY HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE FIJIANS WHO HAVE IMPOSED THEIR SCHEDULE ON A MUCH LESS THAN WILLING BUREAU AND SECRETARUAT AND BY UK INISISTENCE ON CATEGORICAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS IN THE CAYMAN'S REPORT -- AND PROBABLE PRESSURES FOR SYMMETRY IN THE TREATMENT OF THE TWO REPORTS.

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